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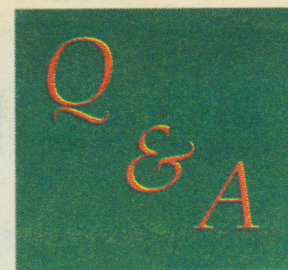
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Would you rather see UTPA
remain small or grow?

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Brooks trial date for next month

Staff Reports

After former UTPA basketball coach Delray Brooks turned himself in to Hidalgo County authorities Thursday, a November 1 trial date was set.

The 275th District Court has been assigned the case and Judge Juan Partida will preside.

Brooks was indicted and charged with theft by a public servant.

The former coach entered a plea of not-guilty at his arraignment.

Brooks was fired August 23 when an internal investigation revealed that a \$25,000 check from a basketball tournament was deposited into his personal account.

Brooks has denied any wrongdoing from the beginning.

Arena registration a thing of the past

By Eladio Jaimez
Staff Writer

The days of waiting in long lines at the Fieldhouse, hoping that it's the right line and crossing your fingers so a desired class isn't closed, are over.

UTPA will not have arena registration for the Spring 2000 semester. All students will be registering using ASSIST, WEB, or ON-LINE services.

"This is a good thing the school is doing. There's enough sloth as it is with students. Having to wait to the last minute only encourages a bad generation to grow worse," said junior Michelle Gomez.

The time a student has to register through ASSIST will be lengthened giving a student more time to register for classes.

"I'm glad they're getting rid of it. Now we have more time to register

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We decided to eliminate arena [registration] because it allows our students to use the technology we have to register.

—David Zuniga,
director of admissions and records

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through ASSIST and from home. We won't have to put up with the hassle of standing in big lines for hours," said freshman Rogelio Monreal.

ASSIST begins October 18 and continue through November 9. Payment for classes signed up for during this period will be due on January 4 at 4:30 p.m.

ASSIST will re-open on November 10 and run through December 17.

This helps students with late registration and drop and add. This also allows students who applied after September 1

to register.

ASSIST will again be available from January 6-11 for schedule changes. Bills will not be mailed and payment for the schedule changes will be due on January 12.

"We decided to eliminate arena because it allows our students to use the technology we have to register. A student could be half way around the world and still register," said Director of Admissions and Records David Zuniga.

Mills delivers inspirational message

By Miguel Liscano
Staff Writer

Olympic Gold Medalist and Lakota warrio, Billy Mills spoke in honor of Native American Heritage Month Thursday at the UTPA Media Theater.

The South Texas Indian Dancers kicked off the night with a 30 minute presentation of indian dancing which according to Mills was an expression of an incredibly beautiful core of spirituality and soul. Mills then spoke of his struggles in life, and how he conquered them with his value based concept and a Native American value to impliment that concept.

"Find the positive desires within you. Know yourself to succeed." said Mills, "With a posi-

tive desire you become motivated. When you become self motivated, you're willing to work. And when you do the work, ultimately it leads to levels of success."

His value based concept was taught to Mills by his father who told him to find the positive desires within, unleash them and pursue excellence. His Native American value is the concept of a Sioux warrior. A Sioux warrior becomes responsible for himself, learns the power of humility and the power of giving. These two values are what helped him through his defining moments in life and helped him achieve personal happiness.

See Mills page 5



—Nelson J. Gonzalez/ The Pan American

UTPA Men's Choir members Gabriel Sanchez (foreground) and Jose Garza sing the national anthem during Midnight Madness.
See story on pages 6-7.

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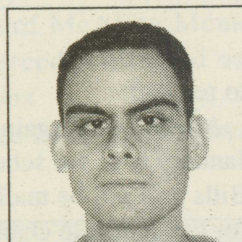
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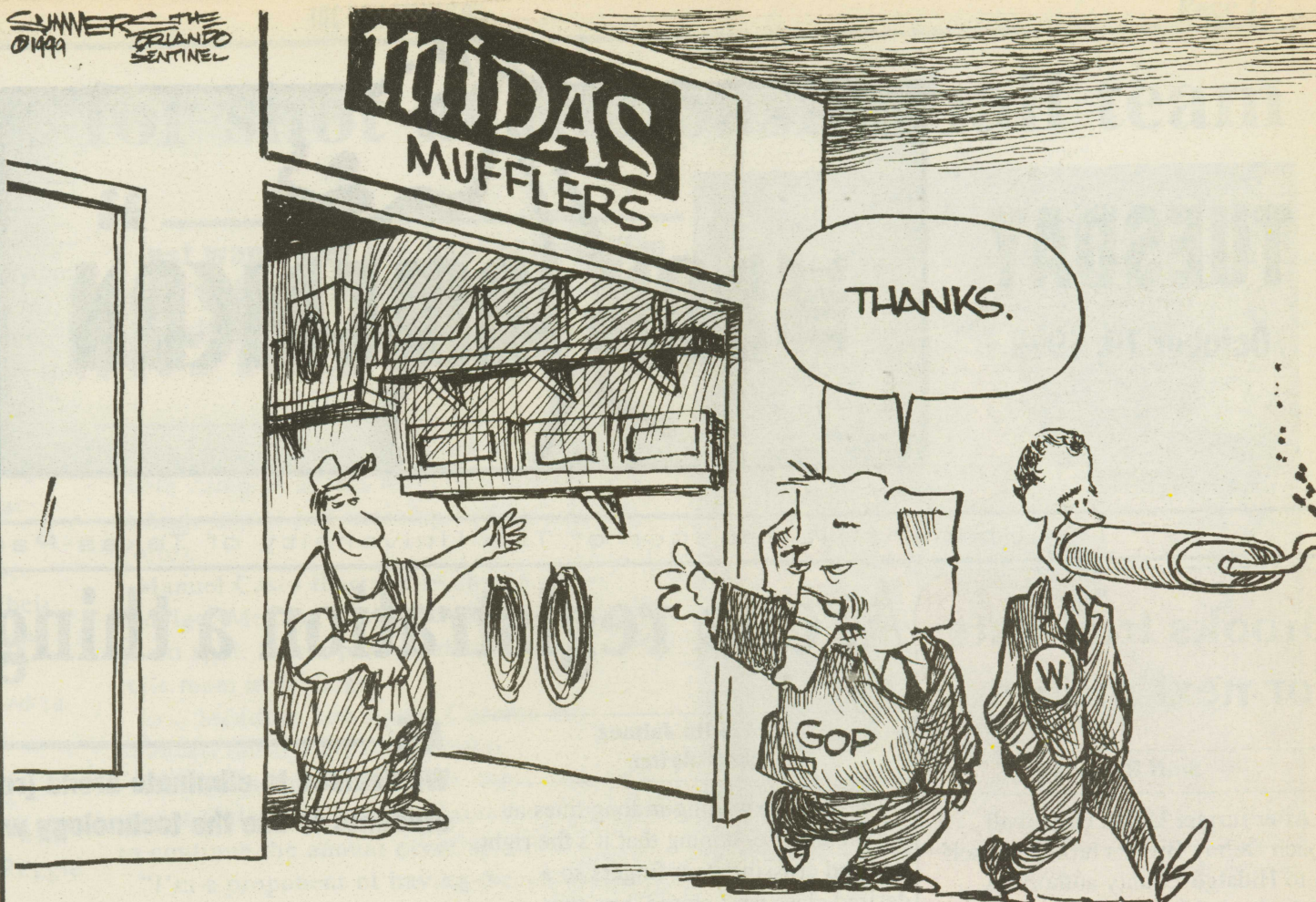
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Tackling the football issue

I am writing in response to your editorial in the October 14th issue. You say that Midnight Madness is a good opportunity to "show coaches and players there is a fan support system here." On page 6 and 7 everyone can see that there are NO local players on the team. Is it because athletes in the valley are not good basketball players or is it because not as many are interested in basketball. I believe its the latter reason. If you want fan sup-

port you should have someone from the area playing on the team and have a team located in an area where people really like the sport. I'm sure that many people do like basketball here, but wake up administration and everyone else, isn't FOOTBALL king in the valley? Just look at the stadiums around the valley, PSJA just put in artificial turf and look at McAllen high schools' stadium its bigger and better than a lot of college

stadiums. Wake up everyone its time for a Pan-American football team. If you want to talk about supporting a team, just get a college football game going on a Saturday afternoon then you'll see that football is king in the valley. Stop wondering why few show up to basketball games. Its FOOTBALL that we LOVE!!!!!!

Gerald R. Johnson
Kinesiology/History

Q&A

Would you rather see UTPA remain small or grow?

— Eduardo Vento



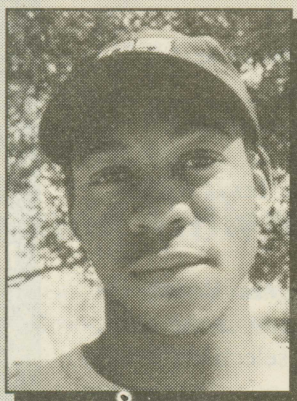
Amelia Ayala
Freshman
Nursing

The university should continue to grow at its current pace so there will be more courses and on-campus activities for the students. A bigger school would also attract students from around the state.

Carlos Haywood
Junior

Elementary Education

Any university should be able to meet the needs of the community around it, and from what I've seen, the Valley is growing at a pretty fast pace. To better serve the community, UTPA should grow.



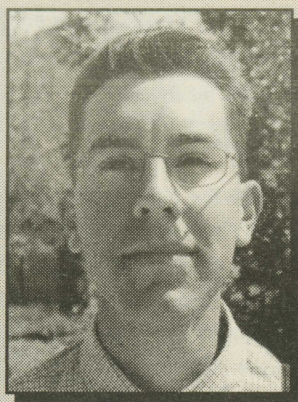
Daniel Pallais
Senior
Computer Science

I've always been for growth. For anything to get better, it first needs to grow. The bottom line is that a bigger university means more classes and services for the students.



B.J. Perez
Junior
Marketing

Growth is good as far as providing diversity in the students body and in the courses that are offered. Learning is usually always easier when there aren't over 200 students in a classroom.



Sylvia Zepeda
Sophomore
Child Psychology

It would benefit everyone if UTPA continues to grow. A bigger university offers a greater diversity not only in the programs offered but also in the students who attend.



Campus Briefs

Student Health providing breast cancer screenings

By Yvette Solis
Staff Writer

UTPA's Student Health Center in conjunction with the American Cancer Society is conducting a Breast Cancer Awareness screening for students Thursday.

Two screenings will be available at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Student Health Center where groups of female students will see a film on how to do a self-examination and receive an exam by a female provider.

Mammogram tests are recommended once a year for women over the age of forty and only in younger women if they notice irregularities or have a history of breast cancer in their families.

Self-examinations are recommended instead for younger women once a month, one week after their menstrual cycle in order to notice any changes in the breast tissue.

Breast cancer is a disease that claims more than 46,000 deaths a year and affects 1 in 8 women in America.

"Though the risk of breast cancer in young women is not high we want to educate them in noticing any irregularities and participating in their health," said Shanon Petty, Health Education Coordinator.

Female students can call 381-2511 if they have any questions or wish sign up for the breast cancer screenings being held Thursday at the Student Health Center.

Engineering student project helps Rio Grande Valley environmental restoration efforts

Special To The Pan American

Engineering students at UTPA put their knowledge and skills to good use by designing a machine that will help biologists at the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge restore native habitats in the Rio Grande Valley.

Yvette Leal and Fernando Medina, both graduates of UTPA's engineering program, designed a mesquite seed processor for a senior design project while they were students in the program.

The device is designed to separate mesquite seeds from the hard outer shell, making the germination process much more efficient. The two and their faculty advisers, UTPA's Dr. Robert Jones and Dr. Subhash Bose, donated the machine to Santa Ana in September to aid in habitat restoration efforts.

"We're trying to restore native vegetation on about a thousand acres of refuge cropland every year," said Chris Best, a plant ecologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service working at

Santa Ana. "We're trying to restore the native type of forest and brushland and savannah that once occurred here.

"Of course, mesquite is one of the many species that occurred in this area. Sometimes ranchers don't think too highly of mesquite, but it's a fantastic species for wildlife. Deer, javelina—many different species feed on those mesquite beans," he said.

At the wildlife refuge, biologists currently grow the mesquite trees from seeds, then plant the seedlings. Planting seeds that will not germinate because of damage from insects or for other reasons means lost time.

Leal and Medina, who were then seniors in mechanical engineering, designed and built the mesquite seed processor.

"We designed a machine to help separate the shell from the seed itself to help them increase their germination rate," Leal said.

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19 CLINIC: Student Health Services is providing free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counseling in Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - noon for students, faculty, staff and community. Ask for Ruben.

19 ACTIVITY: The Office of Services for Persons with Disabilities (OSPD) is hosting a Disabilities Awareness Fair from 11:30 - 1 p.m. in the Xochitl Room (next to the University Ballroom).

19 ACTIVITY: The Student Government Association (SGA) is hosting "Meet the President" with Dr. Miguel Nevárez from noon - 1 p.m. in the Engineering Building, room 1.300. A small reception will follow the event.

19 WORKSHOP: Career Placement Services is providing a Resume Writing Workshop from noon - 1 p.m. at the Student Services Building, room 147.

19 CONCERT: The Music Department is presenting a UTPA Choir Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

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21 LUNCH: The Delta Zeta Sorority invites students to join them for lunch from noon - 1 p.m. in the cafeteria.

21 ACTIVITY: The University Program Board (UPB) presents BYOB, Bring Your Own Banana. Students are asked to bring bananas for free banana splits from noon - 1 p.m. in the UC Circle in honor of alcohol awareness week.

21 WORKSHOP: Career Placement Services is providing a Job Interviewing Skills Workshop from noon - 1 p.m. at the Student Services Building, room 147.

21 MEETING: Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is meeting at 8:45 p.m. in the Business Administration (BUSA) Building, room 110.

22 VOLLEYBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Texas A&M-Commerce at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

21 ACTIVITY: The University Program Board (UPB) presents movie night at 8 p.m. in the quad. Two movies will be featured and selections will be announced at a later date.

23 ACTIVITY: Student In Free Enterprise (SIFE) is hosting Make A Difference Day from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Salvation Army on 23rd & Pecan in McAllen. Make A Difference Day is observed nationally as the largest community service day. Admission is one perishable item per person and lunch will be provided. For volunteer information, contact Patti Medrano at 454-4571.

23 VOLLEYBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Alumni Game (Exhibition) at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

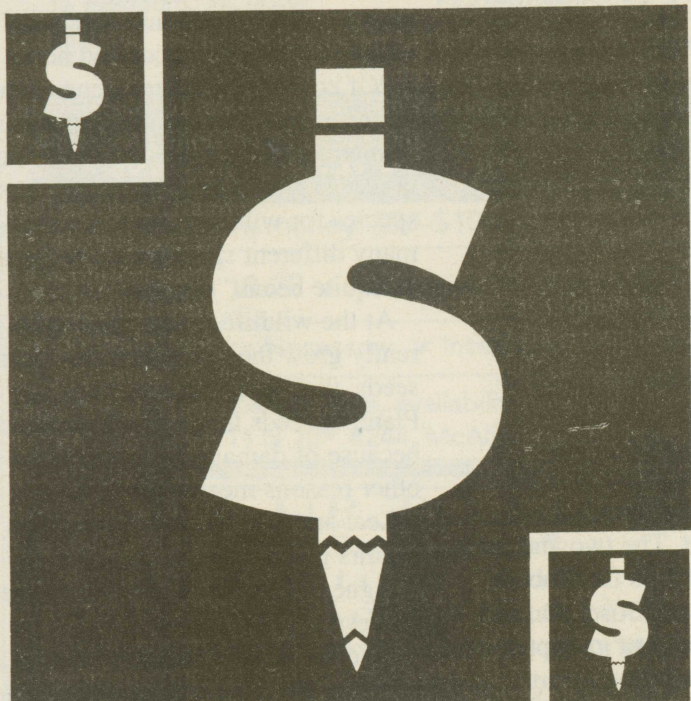
24 CONCERT: The Music Department is presenting a Valley Symphony Orchestra Concert at 3 p.m. in the McAllen Civic Center.

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Student groups raise money on campus

Senior Myrna Garza and junior Maricela Garza (left to right) raise money for the Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) by selling breakfast outside the University Center last week.



—Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

Cold front sweeps Rio Grande Valley

Special To The Pan American

The season's first major cold front swept into the Rio Grande Valley on Sunday afternoon, leaving an inch of rain in McAllen and lowering temperatures into the 50s for the next few days, National Weather Service officials said.

Many Valley residents, including Guadalupe Sanchez of Mission, anxiously waited for lower temperatures after the long hot summer.

The cooler weather resulted from a Canadian cold front. The front came from the east side of the Rocky Mountains swept into the Valley on Sunday, causing rain and winds of up to 36 mph, weather officials said.

Low temperatures with widespread rainfall will continue through Tuesday, weather officials said. A thunderstorm watch was in effect Sunday night and will be again today for some parts of the Valley.

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Mills said the biggest problem American youth faces today is perception. He feels the only way we can eliminate this problem is by global unity through diversity, an idea he took from sports.

Mills believes this can be achieved by following his value based concept and implementing it through a Native American Value. He says today's youth can find these values through any constructive activity, and they know they have found them when they release incredible passion that allows them to accept defeat.

"I challenge you to be warriors as you pursue your education," said Mills.

Hordes of people turned out for the event including many highschool runners and UTPA students. "He's one of my heros," said Senior, Fernando Perez, "I used to run in track in Mission and I just want to meet him." After his speech, Mills was praised through letters from Senator Ben Night Horse Campbell, Chairman of



—Daniel Garcia Ordaz/The Pan American

Bill Mills gives UTPA students Daniel Garcia and Rosa M. Garcia his autograph after his presentation.

Indian affairs, and Texas Senator Ruben Hinojosa who gave Mills with an American flag that was flown at the White House on September 10th in his honor.

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What does Midnight Madness mean to you?



Eddie Guerra
Freshman

Computer Graphics
A great event to draw the school closer together and see what UTPA is all about other than studies.



Heather Henkel
Junior
Political Science

A great opportunity for UTPA students to come together and support the Broncs.



Kellie Navarro
Freshman
Accounting

An opportunity to have fun with my friends and enjoy the event.



Sylvia Navarro
Freshman
Biology

It means an opportunity to see what this school is all about, have fun and cheer for our team.



Top:
Phi Kappa Theta demonstrate their best dancing moves for the spirit award during the Greek challenge.

Left:
Bronc cheerleader Lisa Hernandez leads fans in a house raising cheer.

Right:
Matt Palmquist hangs off the hoop for the slam dunk contest on Friday night.

Midnight made manic as fans, Broncs tip off basketball season

By Mireya Villarreal

Staff Writer

The Pan American

Was this just another Friday night spent across the border or at home with already seen Blockbuster movies? Not for the crowd of more than 300 people that attended Midnight Madness.

The UTPA Basketball Program sponsored an annual event known to the campus, as well as the community and nation at large, as Midnight Madness. The activity took place at the UTPA Fieldhouse, starting at approximately 10 p.m.

"This should turn out to be a lot of fun. I'm personally hoping to see a lot of student involvement tonight. I anticipate that the transition from one coach to another (Delray Brooks to Bob Hoffman) will be a smooth one," said UTPA President, Miguel Nevarez.

The night began with students, faculty and the general public arriving as early as 9 p.m. to get a good seat for the night's activities.

Some of the organizations that participated in the Midnight Madness games and events were Phi Kappa Theta, Sigma Delta Lambda Club (SDLC), Student Government Association (SGA), ROTC and Omega Delta Phi.

The three-on-three basketball tournament finals was the first event that took place in the Fieldhouse. Next, teams were paired up against each other for a three point shoot out. Bucky the Bronc, the school mascot, was then introduced. There was a ROTC push-up challenge, a pizza give-away for the loudest fan and musical chairs for younger Bronc fans.

However, nothing surprised the fans more than the chant and cheer competition between the attending organizations. The Delta Zetas recited chant and the Phi Sigma Kappas did a dance, both the same as last year. Two new and unexpected additions to the competition were demonstrated by the men of Phi Kappa Theta and the women of SDLC. The Phi Kappa Thetas did more of a dance than a chant set to the music of "Mambo # 5," by Lou Bega, and "It's Tearin' Up My Heart," by N'Sync. SDLC chanted to the

old "Mama, Mama can't you see" army chant.

"The Phi Kappa Theta dance was classic. You could really tell who worked and wanted to look good and who just pulled out last year's old stuff, like we wouldn't remember!" said UTPA student Glenda Garcia.

Bronc Blazer and Cheerleader performances came soon after the chanting competition, directed by sponsor Charlie Caceres.

The Midnight Madness games ended with a relay contest, sponsored by SGA, consisting of hula hoops, bats, a ball between your legs and a lay-up.

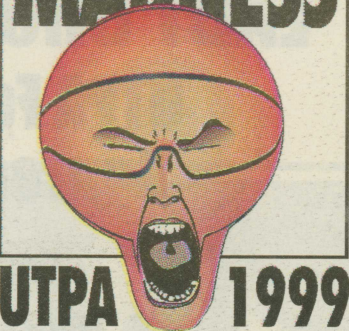
The national anthem and UTPA

Alma Mater were sung by the UTPA Men's Choir before the introduction of the basketball coaches and team members.

Later in the night, between the men's and women's scrimmages, the results of the contests throughout the night were announced. The winner of the overall spirit contest was the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity.

Midnight Madness was a night of new coaches, new players, new organizations and new traditions, each showing promise for years to come.

Midnight MADNESS



UTPA 1999



Rachel Luna drops the ball in the SGA relay contest.

Photos by Nelson J. Gonzalez

Hey, now you're a 'Superstar'

By Harvey Caballero
Staff Writer

Saturday Night Live is famous for making their skits into feature films such as *Wayne's World*, *Night at the Roxbury* and *Coneheads*.

The tradition continues with Molly Shannon in *Superstar* (Paramount, PG-13, 89 min.). Shannon plays Mary Katherine Gallagher, a sexually deprived Catholic schoolgirl, who only wants one thing in her life, a kiss. Not just any kiss, mind you, but a big-time, hold-your-breath-till-you-think-you're-going-to-faint, bona fide Hollywood-style kiss. No matter how hard she tries to, no one will kiss her.

The most extravagant display of this wish is when she then takes it upon herself to practice her kissing, using a tree for her partner. When asked by a passing nun what she is doing, Gallagher tells her that she is doing her part to save the rainforest.

Gallagher is an average person, with the slightly abnormal tendency of putting her hands in her armpits when she gets nervous and then pulling them out and smelling her fingers. She also somehow seems to fall on

her back at any given opportunity.

Characteristics like these are what get her in trouble because the school feels that she is not normal and decides to put her in special education classes. Once there, Gallagher forms her own group of friends, all of whom have their own supposed talents, and are unique in their own way.

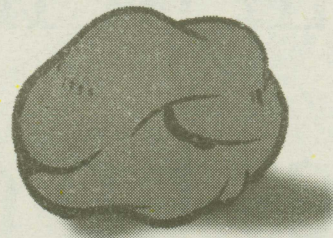
When a national magazine sponsors a dance contest to help fight venereal disease and also includes the chance to be an extra in a movie with positive role models, Gallagher, along with her new found friends, decide to join the contest.

The resounding message throughout this movie, (if there could ever be a message in any SNL movie), according to Mary, is to "follow your dreams because you are your own rainbow." This movie is a cute comedy that makes you think twice about following your dreams, though all your dream may be is a simple kiss.

Questions or comments?
E-mail Harvey at jcaballero@panam.edu

Magic Inkwell comic strip theatres

by Cayetano



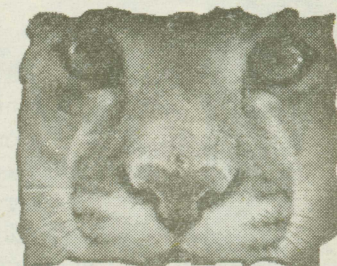
don't mistake me for a lump of clay



i can be pretty ferocious, you know



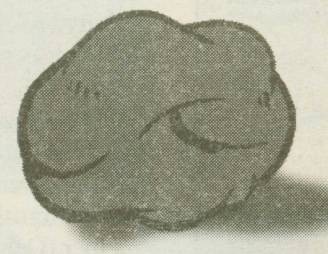
like one of those mexican wrestlers



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Billy Mills' presentation highlights Native American culture at UTPA



—Daniel Garcia Ordaz/The Pan American

Robert Soto, a member of the South Texas Indian Dancers, performs the "Hoop Dance" Thursday night at the Billy Mills' presentation.

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The students take many of the things they've learned in their four or five years of study, and they have to put it together in an integrated engineering design problem.

— Dr. Robert Jones,
assistant professor of engineering

Seeds within the shells are placed into a hopper that feeds the seeds through a sand belt. When the seeds are put through the belt, the shells are crushed off the seeds and the seeds and shells come off the belt and drop into containers.

Two passes through the machine, which cost only \$470 in materials and \$600 in labor to build, will remove the shells from 90 percent of the seeds.

Leal, who is now a graduate student at UTPA, said the design project was an important learning experience. "It wasn't just all papers and calculations. We actually did it from the beginning, doing the design," she said. "It helps you, starting from scratch to actually design and build a machine and have an outcome that was actually going to help the (wildlife) refuge."

Jones, an assistant professor of engineering who served as one of the advisers to the students on the project, said that the idea for the project came out of a chance meeting with

Best at the wildlife refuge. "He was telling us about how they're restoring the lands that have been purchased for the South Texas Wildlife Refuge, and we started talking about some of the technical problems they deal with in sorting seeds and the poor yields they get," Jones said.

"We're looking for project ideas, and this would have a benefit for us as an educational opportunity and for the refuge."

A final requirement for all students graduating from UTPA's engineering program is what is called a "capstone" engineering design project.

"The students take many of the things they've learned in their four or five years of study, and they have to put it together in an integrated engineering design problem," he said. "They design a product, build it, test it and verify that all the engineering of it was done correctly. The idea is that in the real world, that is what an engineer does."

News Review

October 11 to October 17

From Wire Reports

MONDAY: Death toll from Mexico floods continue to mount

MEXICO CITY—Rescuers continue to unearth bodies after last week's tragic flooding after a week of hard rains turned dry riverbeds into torrents. Hillsides stripped of trees and brush gave way and rivers rose over their banks, leaving whole cities and rural valleys throughout southeastern Mexico under water and mud. The death toll is projected to reach 600. More than 200,000 people remain homeless and dozens of roads and bridges are closed. Politicians are under fire for allowing flimsy neighborhoods to spring up in rural areas.

TUESDAY: Basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain Dies

PHILADELPHIA—Basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain was found dead in his Bel Air, Calif. home of an apparent heart attack. Chamberlain is renowned for scoring 100 points in a National Basketball Association game, and getting 55 rebounds in another, and averaging 50 points a season. Basketball purists will remember him for taking basketball to a whole new level.

He never married or had children. He is survived by four sisters and two brothers.

WEDNESDAY: Philip Morris admits smoking causes cancer

CHICAGO—Philip Morris, the nation's largest cigarette manufacturer and makers of Marlboro products, acknowledges what countless health professionals have said for years: smoking causes cancer and other health problems. The company acknowledged the serious health risks associated with its products on its new corporate web site as part of a \$100 million advertising campaign aimed to remake the company's image. Philip Morris has faced years of fierce arguments with government officials and medical experts over the dangers of smoking.

THURSDAY: After 3 years, no charges in JonBenet Case

BOULDER, Colo.—The murder of JonBenet Ramsey, a crime that riveted public attention and frustrated law enforcement for nearly three years, remained officially unsolved after a grand jury was discharged without bringing indictments. It was an anticlimax to a case that cast doubts on the competence of police who investigated it and prompted charges that prosecutors were timid. The 12 jurors, who met for more than 13 months, left the Boulder County Justice Center without comment.

SATURDAY: Earthquake hits California, little damage reported

LOS ANGELES—California residents were awakened early Saturday morning by a magnitude-7.0 earthquake centered more than 100 miles from Los Angeles.

The quake, which struck at 2:46 a.m. PST derailed a passenger train in the desert and cut power to thousands. Centered in the Mojave Desert, the quake was felt as far away as Las Vegas and Phoenix, but did little damage, causing few injuries and no deaths. Being centered in the desert, far from the densely populated L.A. area, made Saturday's quake less destructive than the Northridge quake.

SUNDAY: Irene latest chapter in Carolina's nightmare

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Eastern North Carolina spent the weekend in the grip of a recurring nightmare: teeming rain rising rivers, flash flooding and a threatening hurricane. Almost one month to the day after Hurricane Floyd severely flooded the state's coastal plain, Hurricane Irene pelted the same area with heavy rain and wind gusts and sent some residents to shelters.

There were few evacuations, however, from low-lying coastal towns. Irene registered hurricane-force winds of 75 mph.

Supporting cast helps kickstart four game winning streak

By Isaac Chavarria
Sports Editor

UTPA began another winning streak with victories in their last four home matches, giving them an 8-11 record.

Their latest victories came against Centenary, who they had previously faced in their season opener.

"The team played with more intensity and had better defense," said head coach Dave Thorn.

Leading the Lady Broncs were Lorena Lopez, Misty Cook, and Billie Forrester.

Lopez has led the team in assist in their last four matches, while Cook and Forrester have made large contributions in kills and digs.

Two of the victories came against Texas Southern. UTPA defeated them 15-12, 15-12, 15-7, Wednesday evening at the Fieldhouse.

Rosie Trevino-Ramos had a season high 13 kills and three

The team played with more intensity and had better defense.

— Dave Thorn,
volleyball head coach

blocks in the match.

Belinda Lara and Cita Jimenez returned to action for their matches against Centenary, but the supporting cast provided much of the stats.

Cook had a total of 32 kills in the two games against Centenary and Yvonne Garcia had 29 digs. Lopez led with 95 assist in the two matches.

In their last match against Centenary, the Lady Broncs held on through the set, to win 15-12.

The second set began with dominating play by UTPA, helping them to a 6-1 lead, but Centenary cut the lead to 12-12. UTPA was able to stop the comeback at that point, and won the set 15-12.

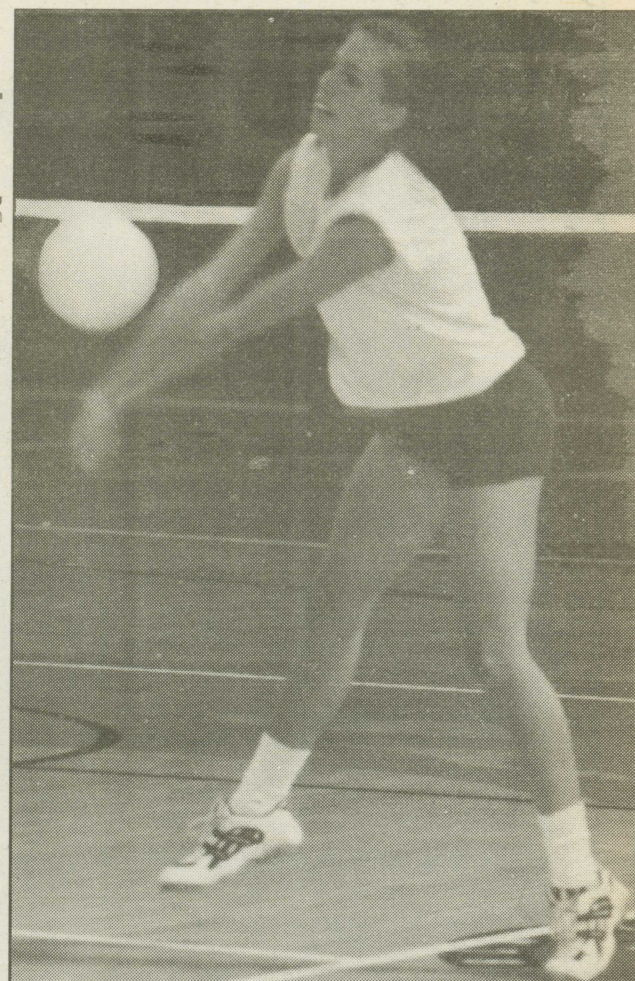
With a 4-0 start in the third set, UTPA had another large lead, which they failed to hold on to, as they fell back 4-5. The Lady Broncs were able to recover and won the set 15-10.

Coach Thorn expressed that the team has improved its play, but needed to hold leads better.

"We will be working on the little things. Our serving went down a bit," said Coach Thorn.

Coach Thorn will be looking forward to the upcoming games because of the home court advantage.

Up next for the volleyball team is a match against Texas A&M Commerce at the UTPA Fieldhouse on October 22.



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Misty Cook warms up before the next set.



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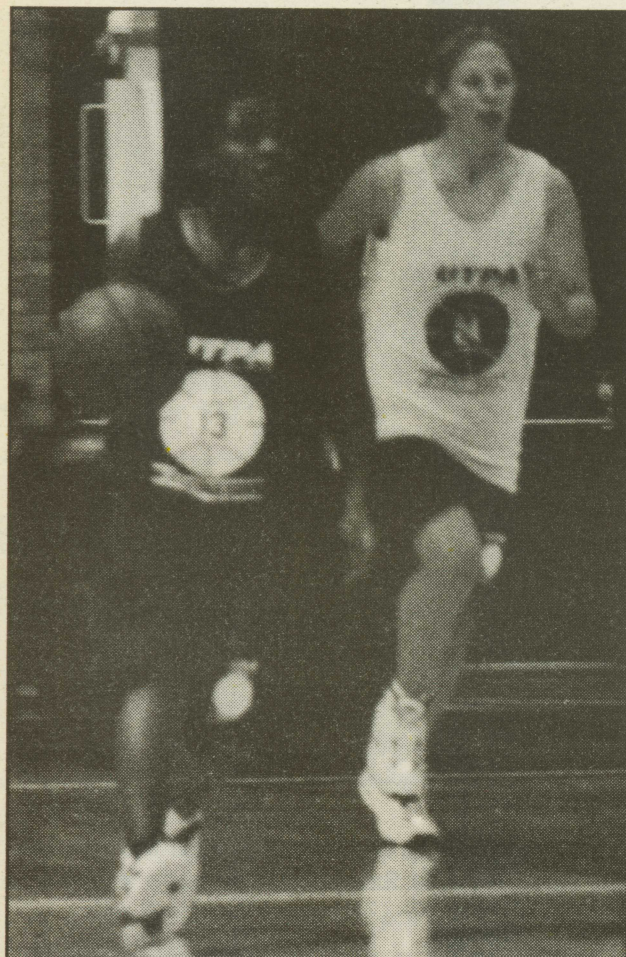
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Scrimmage has Lady Broncs hoops off and running



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By Eladio Jaimez
Staff Writer

The Lady Bronc Basketball team began the 1999-2000 season Friday night with a scrimmage that saw the incoming freshmen challenge the veterans.

"The newcomers knew coming in that they were going to be playing a supporting role for the veterans. They took it upon themselves to challenge the veterans and showed great competition," said assistant coach Rod Lee.

Fourth year head coach, Kathy Halligan, considered the format of the scrimmage a success as well.

"There was good things from both sides. The veterans went out, scored and competed. The freshmen never gave up and really were determined to come out and try to beat them," said Halligan.

The team showed great

improvement in terms of team speed and athleticism. The seven newcomers were brought in to improve on the team's speed and showed Friday night that they could run the floor and compete with the experienced sophomores and juniors.

The Lady Broncs have also balanced their lack of size with their athleticism.

"The athleticism on the team has compensated our lack of a center. Our quickness will allow us to rebound just as well if not better than if we had a 6-2 or 6-3 center that might be too slow," said Lee.

Halligan will now determine what the team's biggest weakness is based on what the team did for 12 minutes on the court.

"We've got a game plan that we've already started putting together. Now we'll have to start finalizing for the rest of the season," said Halligan.

Last year, the Lady Broncs

ended the season with an 8-18 record. Halligan will be looking to achieve their first 10 win season.

The Lady Bronc's also took advantage of Midnight Madness to introduce one of their new assistants Carlos Everaldo Brown.

Brown comes to UTPA with four years of coaching experience from the University of Ottawa. Brown served as a second assistant in his first year and as a first assistant his final three seasons at Ottawa.

Brown also played for five seasons at Ottawa going to the Final Four in 1992-1993. The first three he played along side coach Lee as a point guard.

The Lady Broncs will play a home exhibition game against the Houston Jaguars on November 3. They start the regular season against Troy State University at the Fieldhouse on November 19.

Alexis Williams runs the floor during scrimmage.

Young team looking to gain experience at Tulane

By Mireya Villarreal
Staff Writer

With basketball season starting, cross country in the midst, and Delray Brooks going to trial, golf, much like the weather, has been given the cold shoulder.

However, yesterday and today UTPA's women golf team will be competing in the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Invitational Tournament.

This week's competition comes after an invitational tournament at Lamar University where the

women's team placed 9th out of approximately 13 teams.

"We were hoping to do better, but we just didn't play as well as we expected we would. We do great in practice and then freeze up at the tournaments," said UTPA Women's Golf coach Barbra Odale.

Coach Odale will be looking for Jamie McInturff to be a leader on an off the course in Little Rock. Odale commented that McInturff is not only one of her better players, she is a leader and shows a lot of potential. The women's team has

all returning players and no freshmen recruits.

Out of the 16 teams that will be attending the tournament many of them will be from Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Florida, and Oklahoma. The goal of UTPA women's team is to finish in the top quarter.

The men's team will be traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana, within the next two weeks, to compete in the Tulane Deep South tournament.

The men's team also participated in the Lamar Invitational and finished last out of 18 competing

teams.

"We are definitely a young team that seems to be lacking experience and leadership. Out of the five players allowed to compete, four are freshmen," said UTPA Golf Coach John Garcia.

Coach Garcia commented that all of his players show promise, especially Jordan Bunte. He is willing to bite the bullet and holdout for the team to mature.

Both teams have been consistently practicing and are looking for improvement in the upcoming tournaments.

Hoffman looks to work off teams intensity after first practice

By Eladio Jaimez
Staff Writer

Bronc Basketball head coach Bob Hoffman got to see his team practice for the first time Friday night at the Fieldhouse during Midnight Madness.

"I like the intensity they gave for being the first night out. I like their willingness to listen and learn, and trying to put it all together. I think that's going to be a good thing," said Hoffman.

The teams first practice came in the form of an intersquad scrimmage.

The team scrimmaged for five four minute periods in which they indulged the fans still in attendance with their up-tempo style of play and a few slam dunks.

"I saw good things from everybody out here tonight. They were unselfish and looking out for each other. The guys passed the ball a lot and that was good," said Hoffman.

Hoffman stated that the team is new to him and the scrimmage

served as a way for him to see what everybody's abilities are.

"We have some ability, we just have to push all the ability to one direction," said Hoffman. "Once we have an offense it will obviously look better than when we're just playing helter skelter."

Junior forward John Braxton described the first scrimmage of the year a success and as a stepping stone to start the season.

"We played good together. We played through the pre-season with-

out a coach and we learned to get over the animosity of what happened early on. Basically we're on a different page now and we're getting ready to start the season," said Braxton.

Hoffman and his team now have approximately three weeks to get ready for their first exhibition game on November 6 against Monterrey Tech at the Fieldhouse. The Broncs start the regular season at home on November 22 when they face off against Oral Roberts University.

Students hope for shot at the basketball team

By Eladio Jaimez
Staff Writer

First year head coach Bob Hoffman held open tryouts Saturday afternoon at the Fieldhouse. Nine perspective Broncs attended the tryouts, and Hoffman will keep three to five players to add depth to his roster.

"We're in the process of determining who we're going to keep. We're hoping to fill up the post position to help us out during practice," said Hoffman.

Hoffman let the would be Broncs practice with the Broncs in an effort to see what their abilities were and at the same time work on what the Broncs needed to improve on.

Students ran drills and sprints and played in real game situations.

Adrian Lerma of PSJA North and Carl McCulley of Sweeney HS in Sweeney, Tx, were the biggest men there and practiced with the Broncs big men Matt Palmquist and Reggie Kuzet.

Freshmen Mark Bills of McAllen High, Marty Hollingsworth of McAllen Memorial and Gabriel Cortez of Mercedes all tried out for the two and three positions.

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— Gabriel Cortez,
UTPA student

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going to be out here. I wanted to see if I could compete at this level. It's similar to high school just more up-tempo," said Cortez.

Manuel Casto Ibarra, a freshmen from Hidalgo, Mexico, also tried out for a point guard spot. Ibarra participated last year on the state team in Hidalgo.

Eric Mendoza and Aaron Caceres also attended the tryouts on Saturday.

Hoffman held open tryouts every year he was at Oklahoma Baptist University and plans to continue the annual event at UTPA.

"I'm a proponent of having the student body involved with our basketball team. By allowing students of UTPA to come out and walk-on, student and community involvement should increase," said Hoffman.

Hoffman and his staff will make their decision on who to keep sometime this week.



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Adrian Lerma makes his move toward the basket during open tryouts Saturday afternoon at the fieldhouse.

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